

REMARKS

The present Amendment amends claims 1-12 and 16, leaves claims 13 and 15 unchanged, cancels claims 14 and 17-19 and adds new claims 20-24. Therefore, the present application has pending claims 1-13, 15, 16 and 20-24.

Applicants' Attorney, the undersigned and Applicants' Japanese Representative Mr. Shun Hara wish to thank Examiner Vaughn for the courtesy extended during the interview of October 27, 2005. During such interview it was agreed that the Proposed Amendment as presented during the interview overcomes the rejections of record based upon the Tsuchiya (U.S. Patent No. 6,118,784 and Dorenbosch (U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2002/0138622) references. The present Amendment incorporates the proposed amendments as presented during the interview and as such overcomes the rejections of record, namely the 35 USC §103(a) rejection of claims 9 and 10 as being unpatentable over Tsuchiya and the 35 USC §103(a) rejection of claims 1-8 and 11-19 as being unpatentable over Tsuchiya in view of Dorenbosch references. Accordingly, reconsideration and withdrawal of these rejections in light of the agreement reached during the interview is respectfully requested.

Applicants' Attorney, the undersigned, wishes to encourage the Examiner to contact him as necessary should the Examiner have any questions regarding the present Amendment and the intended differences between the features of the present invention as recited in the claims and the references of record.

As discussed and agreed during the interview, Tsuchiya only discloses translating an IP header from v4/v6 to v6/v4 as discussed, for example, in col. 1,

lines 47-58 and col. 5, lines 42-49 thereof. According to the present invention address translation is conducted in a manner such that the detection of a communication conforming to a particular protocol is performed, wherein said detection is based on at least one of information on destination on information and information on a port contained in a header of communication data. According to the present invention this detection is, for example, a detection of a Session Initiation Protocol (SIP) message. Such features are clearly not taught or suggested by either of Tsuchiya or Dorenbosch as agreed during the interview.

Further, there is no teaching or suggestion in either of Tsuchiya or Dorenbosch that the translation translates an address of a predetermined portion using a translation rule between a first protocol and a second protocol which is stored in an address translator and the translation information including information for specifying the predetermined portion to which the translation is directed. Such features are also not taught or suggested by Tsuchiya or Dorenbosch.

Therefore, based on the above and as agreed during the interview the features of the present invention as now more clearly recited in the claims are not taught or suggested by Tsuchiya or Dorenbosch whether taken individually or in combination with each other as suggested by the Examiner in the Office Action.

Accordingly, reconsideration and withdrawal of the above described rejections of the claims is respectfully requested. Further, allowance of the currently pending claims being that the Examiner recognizes that the amended claims as set forth herein overcomes the rejections is also respectfully requested.

As indicated above, the present Amendment adds new claims 20-24. New claims 20-24 depend directly or indirectly on claims 1, 2 and 4. Therefore, the same arguments presented above and the reasons for allowance for claims 1, 2 and 4 apply as well to new claims 20-24.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, applicants submit that claims 1-13, 15, 16 and 20-24 are in condition for allowance. Accordingly, early allowance of claims 1-13, 15, 16 and 20-24 is respectfully requested.

To the extent necessary, the applicants petition for an extension of time under 37 CFR 1.136. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, or credit any overpayment of fees, to the deposit account of MATTINGLY, STANGER, MALUR & BRUNDIDGE, P.C., Deposit Account No. 50-1417 (500.41227X00).

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